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#### ABSTRACT:

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## SUMMARY:

# BSUM(2)

The . . . relates to a biocompatible gel composition for use in implantable prostheses. More particularly, the present invention relates to certain polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers which have gelling properties that make them ideally suited for use as fillers for a soft tissue prosthesis such. . .

### SUMMARY:

#### BSUM(19)

In . . . in an aqueous solution, which is stable to sterilization. The polymeric materials which encompass the present invention are polyoxyethylene/ polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers.

# SUMMARY:

# BSUM(20)

The preferred composition according to the present invention comprises a solution of polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer with the

following general formula:

SUMMARY:

BSUM (23)

The preparation of aqueous gels of polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers is described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,867,533: 3,748,276; and 3,740,421, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. None.

SUMMARY:

BSUM (24)

Because certain of these polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers are liquids at low temperatures, and gels at body temperatures, the aqueous gel compositions are ideal for filling a prosthesis such as a breast implant. This family of polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers is also substantially non-toxic, and exhibits improved lubrication and improved radiolucence. The copolymers are also biocompatible. If the implant. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(2)

The present invention contemplates a biocompatible gel comprising a solution of a polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer. These biocompatible gels are particularly suited for filling the lumen of a soft tissue prosthesis that can be used. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(3)

The aqueous gel composition of the present invention comprises a solution of a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer that has the physical property of being a liquid at room temperature or below and a gel at body. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(4)

The polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer has the following general formula:

DETDESC:

DETD(7)

The polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer preferably has a hydrophobe represented by (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a with a molecular weight between approximately 1750 and 6000 Daltons. . . molecular weight of the (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.b between 3000 and 4000 Daltons. It is to be understood that the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer of the present invention can be chemically bonded or cross-linked depending upon the gelling properties desired.

DETDESC:

DETD(9)

Preparation . . . present invention is described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,925,241 and 3,867,533, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. Illustrative **block** copolymers of the following general formula:

DETDESC:

DETD (14)

Not all of the block copolymers of the formula:

DETDESC:

DETD (16)

may be employed in the present invention. Because of the nature of aqueous solutions of these **block** copolymers, three variables affect the formation of the gels. These variables do not apply to the chemically branched or cross-linked. . .

DETDESC:

DETD (17)

(1) the weight percent concentration of block copolymers in the gel;

DETDESC:

DETD (20)

These minimal define a minimum weight percent concentration of the block copolymer with a specific hydrophobe having a minimum weight percent of ethylene oxide that is necessary to form a gel... minimum concentration with a specific molecular weight hydrophobe, a minimum weight percent of ethylene oxide is required before a specific block copolymer will form a gel in an aqueous solution. Examples of minimum weight percent concentrations with specific molecular weight hydrophobes. . .

DETDESC:

DETD (21)

of

Min. wt percent

Min. weight Total mol. wt

hydrophobe

concentration to

percent ethylene

of block

base form a gel oxide required

copolymer

2250	40	50		4600
2750	40	45		4910
2750	30	60.		

DETDESC:

#### DETD (22)

At least a 40 percent weight concentration of the **block** copolymer having a hydrophobe of at least 2250 molecular weight with at least about 50 weight percent of ethylene oxide condensed therewith will be necessary to form a gel in an aqueous solution. In all cases, the **block** copolymers above the minima indicated in Table I will form gels in aqueous solutions up to 90 weight percent concentration and higher. Above 90 weight percent concentration, however, the gels tend to become indistinguishable from the starting **block** copolymer itself. It is to be understood that the molecular weight of the hydrophobe may be other than those illustrated. . . a hydrophobe of about 2500 molecular weight is used, it is recognized that a gel may be formed from the **block** copolymer at a concentration of 40 weight percent in an aqueous solution where about 45 weight percent of ethylene oxide is present in the **block** copolymer.

#### DETDESC:

# DETD (35)

is . . . 4000 Daltons, the ethylene oxide content is from 70 to 90 weight percent, the total average molecular weight of the  ${\bf block}$  polymer is from 16,000 Daltons to 20,000 Daltons and the gel composition comprises from 15 to 50 weight percent of. . .

## DETDESC:

#### DETD (45)

The mechanical properties of the poloxamer gels can be altered by changing the concentration of **block** copolymer in solution, by changing the temperature of the solution, and, to a lesser extent, by varying the salt concentration. . .

# DETDESC:

# DETD (51)

The mechanism of gel formation in ethyleneoxide-propyleneoxide **block** copolymer solution in water is thought to be through the dissociation of solvent molecules from the polymer chain and the. . .

#### DETDESC:

# DETD (54)

The gel is normally made by dissolving the desired concentration of salt in deionized, sterilized water and adding the polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer to create the desired osmolarity and viscosity.

# DETDESC:

# DETD (55)

It is to be understood that several different **block** copolymers can be used in combination to manufacture the gel. In addition, conventional gelling agents can be added to the. . .

#### DETDESC:

DETD (62)

The elimination of **block** copolymers following parenteral or oral administration is well documented. Following intravenous injection, poloxamer 188 (Pluronic F68) rapidly distributes within the. . .

DETDESC:

DETD (66)

In . . . depending on the physical properties that are required for the particular prosthesis that is to be filled. Several different polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymers can be mixed to form the gel. Finally, the copolymers can be chemically branched or crosslinked to provide the. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(70)

To prepare 100 g of **block** copolymer gel, 20 g of poloxamer 407 are weighed into a container which can be sealed and autoclaved. 80 g. . .

DETDESC:

DETD (73)

To prepare 100 g of block copolymer gel with dermatan sulfate as a lubricant, 19 g of poloxamer 407 are weighed into a container which can.

DETDESC:

DETD (76)

To prepare 100 g of **block** copolymer gel with two copolymers, 10 g of poloxamer 407 and 12 g of poloxamer 338 are weighed into a. . .

CLAIMS:

CLMS(1)

We claim:

1. A method for providing a **prosthesis** approximating the consistency of human or animal tissue comprising the step of filling the lumen of the **prosthesis** with an aqueous solution of a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer having the following formula:

HO(C.sub.2 H.sub.4 O).sub.b (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a (C.sub.2 H.sub.4
O).sub.b H
wherein a is an. . .

CLAIMS:

CLMS(4)

4. A soft tissue prosthesis [with] comprising a lumen and a filler,

wherein the filler comprises an aqueous solution of a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene **block** copolymer having the following formula:

HO(C.sub.2 H.sub.4 O).sub.b (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a (C.sub.2 H.sub.4
O).sub.b H
wherein a is an. . .

#### CLAIMS:

CLMS(5)

5. The **prosthesis** of claim 4, wherein the hydrophobe represented by (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a has an average molecular weight of between approximately 2750. . .

#### CLAIMS:

CLMS(6)

6. The **prosthesis** of claim 4, wherein the hydrophobe represented by (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a has an average molecular weight of approximately 4000 Daltons.

## CLAIMS:

CLMS(7)

7. The **prosthesis** of claim 4, wherein the **prosthesis** is a breast implant.

#### CLAIMS:

CLMS(8)

8. A method of implanting a **prosthesis** into a human or animal comprising the steps of:

implanting the lumen of the **prosthesis** into the body of the human or animal;

filling the lumen with an aqueous solution of polyoxyethylenepolyoxypropylene **block** copolymer having the following formula:

HO(C.sub.2 H.sub.4 O).sub.b (C.sub.3 H.sub.6 O).sub.a (C.sub.2 H.sub.4 O).sub.b H

wherein a is an integer. . . (C.sub.2 H.sub.4 O).sub.b constitutes from about 50 to 90 percent by weight of the copolymer; and, allowing the solution to **gel**.

## CLAIMS:

CLMS (11)

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the **prosthesis** is a breast implant.

## CLAIMS:

CLMS (12)

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the gel further contains an

effective amount of dermatan sulfate.

CLAIMS:

CLMS (13)

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of adding a biologically compatible salt to the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer solution.

CLAIMS:

CLMS (15)

15. The soft tissue **prosthesis** of claim 4, wherein the filler further comprises a salt.

CLAIMS:

CLMS (16)

16. The soft tissue **prosthesis** of claim 4 wherein the filler is radiolucent.

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             53 S L4 AND (GEL/CLM OR GEL/TI)
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              2 S L7 AND BLOCK
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168863 GEL

L10 0 L5 AND GEL

=> s 15 and block

627389 BLOCK

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238839 POLYMER

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5,888,216 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]

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TITLE:

Prosthesis liner for below-knee amputees

#### ABSTRACT:

A prosthesis liner for below-knee amputees comprising a **polymer** liner, such as silicone, incorporating a pre-flexed shape having an angle at the knee selected from 20 to 60 degrees,. . .

SUMMARY:

BSUM(12)

An object of the invention is to provide a prosthesis device with a polymer liner incorporating a pre-flexed angle at the knee.

SUMMARY:

BSUM (34)

The . . . results in the formation of three dimension chemical structures to which anti-bacterial agents may join. The chemical composition of the **polymer** may be altered to effect precise control of the release of the anti-bacterial agents. As prosthetic silicone liners typically have. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(3)

Referring . . . prosthesis liner according to the present invention is generally indicated by the numeral 50 and is preferably made of silicone **polymer** formed over the metal core 10 (illustrated in FIG. 1) by placing and securing the metal core 10 into a. . .

DETDESC:

DETD(8)

The . . . model blueprint and mathematical relationships are transferred to a CNC machine. The core model is then cut from a large **block** of solid aluminum. A locking key 28 (see FIG. 1) is produced as part of the upper third of the. . .

DETDESC:

DETD (11)

The . . . machining to create a 1.5 to 2 mm gap between the core model and the inner aspect of the aluminum **block**. There are instances when below-knee amputees would desire and request a prosthetic silicone liner with the features of the current. . .

DETDESC:

#### DETD (12)

This . . . material and cured to form the silicone liner according to the present invention. The inner, negative cavity of the aluminum **block** is polished and plated. Holes are drilled, strategically, in order to achieve proper silicone filling of the overall mold when. . .

## DETDESC:

#### DETD (15)

Another . . . placed over the residuum, the anti-bacterial agent in the liner material is slowly released by the chemical composition of the **polymer** which may be altered to effect precise control of the release of the anti-bacterial agents. As prosthetic silicone liners typically. .

#### CLAIMS:

#### CLMS(1)

What is claimed is:

- 1. A below knee amputee prosthesis liner, comprising:
  a molded polymer-like liner for fitting over a below knee
  amputation limb of a person;
- said liner having a lower portion with a closed distal end, a knee portion and an upper portion having an opening adapted for
- insertion of a residuum of the amputee; said lower portion being tapered wherein the distal end of said lower portion is narrower than the lower portion proximate to said knee portion;
- said liner comprising a material having a time released
  anti-bacterial agent in the material;
- said knee portion having a pre-flexed angle;
- an umbrella shaped flexible shuttle housing integral with the closed distal end of said lower portion of said liner; and
- said shuttle housing having a coupling adapted for attachment to a rod which is part of a **prosthesis**.

## CLAIMS:

## CLMS(2)

2. The **prosthesis liner** of claim 1, further comprising a thickened band in a wall of said upper portion of said **liner** and biased toward the opening thereof.

# CLAIMS:

## CLMS(3)

3. The **prosthesis liner** of claim 1, further comprising at least two thickened bands in a wall of said upper portion of said **liner** and biased toward the opening thereof.

# CLAIMS:

# CLMS (4)

4. The <b>prosthesis</b> device of claim 3, wherein said at least two thickened bands are spaced 3/4 inch apart.
CLAIMS:
CLMS(5)
5. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 3, wherein one of said at least two thickened bands may be trimmed off to shorten said upper portion of said <b>liner</b> .
CLAIMS:
CLMS(6)
6. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said time released anti-bacterial agent is selected from the group consisting of "NEOSPORIN," "BACITRACIN" or "SILVEDENE."
CLAIMS:
CLMS(7)
7. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said pre-flexed elected from twenty to sixty degrees.
CLAIMS:
CLMS(8)
8. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said taper is selected from five to twelve degrees.
CLAIMS:
CLMS(9)
9. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said <b>liner</b> is made of flexible and clear heat-cured two part silicone.
CLAIMS:
CLMS (10)
10. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said coupling is threaded.
CLAIMS:
CLMS (11)
11. The <b>prosthesis liner</b> of claim 1, wherein said shuttle housing is generally circular in shape with a series of oval openings evenly spaced
CLAIMS:
CLMS(12)

12. The prosthesis liner of claim 1, wherein said flexible

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